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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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ALEX VILLANUEVA, SHERIFF



June 11, 2019

Aaron Swartz  
MuckRock News  
66872-31328142@requests.muckrock.com

Dear Mr. Swartz:

This letter is in response to your request for records under the California Public Records Act received by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD) Discovery Unit on January 10, 2019.

In your request, you are seeking the following:

1. Number, if any, of License Plate Readers owned by this department or agency, including the manufacturer and whether a data storage package has been provided by the manufacturer.
2. Any documents or correspondence during the period encompassing this request regarding possible or planned acquisition of License Plate Readers.
3. Any existing or proposed usage policies regarding the use of License Plate Readers, including protocols, training documents, data storage procedures and prohibited activities.
4. Any current or past litigation involving or referencing this department or agency involving the use of License Plate Readers

**Response to request 1:** Your requests does not ask for "identifiable" public records, but "information" in the form of interrogatories. The Public Records Act, *Government Code* section 6253(b), does not require that a public entity create a record in order to respond to a request for information. The Act only requires that certain non-exempt records already in existence be made available; it does not require the public entity to answer interrogatories.

However, in an effort to assist with your questions, the following has been provided:

- The Department currently has both mobile and fixed ALPR units from Vigilant Solutions and PIPS. Currently, we have approximately 150 fixed and 113 mobile ALPR's functioning.

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- In regards to data storage, we currently store our own PIPS ALPR data, while the Vigilant ALPR data is stored within their cloud hosted storage.

**Response to request 2 and 3:** Please refer to the following attached documents: "ALPR Privacy Policy," "Manual of Policy and Procedures-ALPR," "New Exhibit C Master Agreement signed," "Signed Inter-Agency sharing agreement signed," and "Vigilant Solutions SLA - executed."

**Response to request 4:** Please refer to American Civil Liberties Union Foundation of Southern California et al., v. The Superior Court of Los Angeles County, case number S227106.

If you have any questions, please contact Lieutenant Norman of the Discovery Unit at (323) 890-5000.

Sincerely,

ALEX VILLANUEVA, SHERIFF

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Kimberly L. Unland" with a small "72" written below the name.

Kimberly L. Unland, Captain  
Risk Management Bureau